

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION POLICY ON VEGETATIVE DEBRIS IN A JURISDICTIONAL AREA**

When vegetative debris, defined as leaves, grass, or other plant material that is no longer growing and has been placed in a particular area by a means other than a natural process, is deposited in a jurisdictional area, the following is the adopted Conservation Commission to deal with this issue:

- If the debris has been placed in a resource area, except the River Front Zone, the 25 foot buffer zone, or within 25' of a perennial stream, The property owner shall retain the services of a wetlands scientist to evaluate the debris and develop a report as to the impact on the jurisdictional area and whether the debris should remain in place or be removed and if so, how;
- The property owner shall file a Request for Determination (RDA) application for the debris which shall proceed via the normal public hearing process in order for the Commission to make a decision; and
- If the debris is located in the 25' to 100' buffer zone or the 25' to 200' River Front zone, an RDA application, without a report from a wetlands scientist, shall be filed and this shall proceed via the normal approval process under in order for the Commission to make a decision.